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CLOUDBURST CLAIMS 75 VICTIMS

Five Thousand Left Homeless, and a Property Loss of \$5,000,000 Follows Flood in West Virginia

Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 10.—Jarold's Valley, in a mining town in Boone county, was completely washed away in yesterday's flood and 75 of its 500 inhabitants were drowned, according to telephonic advice late this afternoon. The town was on Coal river.

Gallipolis, Ohio, Aug. 10.—Many bodies of victims of yesterday's flood were seen today in huge masses of wreckage floating down the Ohio river here today. Ineffectual efforts were made to reach several bodies in one large raft of debris at Dam No. 26, 10 miles south of here. There were about a score of dead visible, it was said at the lock.

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 10.—Estimates based on reports received up to noon today put the loss of life in the flood which swept Cabin creek valley, during a cloudburst yesterday, at 50 to 75.

Fully 5,000 persons are homeless and the property loss on Cabin creek alone is placed at \$3,000,000. The total loss, including damage on Paint Creek and Coal creek, will exceed \$5,000,000.

Sixteen bodies have been recovered and others have been seen in wreckage along Cabin creek.

Later reports confine the loss of life to Cabin creek.

Great property damage is reported from Paint creek, but no lives were lost there.

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 10.—Scores of persons, reported missing early today as the result of the cloudburst that swept the Cabin Creek, Paint Creek and Coal Creek districts were accounted for in later despatches which greatly reduced earlier estimates of the number of dead.

Conservative estimates today were that probably not more than 14 persons lost their lives. Many of those first reported missing, have been found at the homes of relatives or friends, whence they fled at the first rush of water.

Four bodies have been recovered in Sabin creek and rescue workers have reported sighting other bodies. The latest reports, however, do not bear out the first estimates that from 150 to 200 persons lost their lives.

The number of homes carried from their foundations was not definitely known early today, but there were hundreds of them. At least 15,000 people were camped throughout the night, shelterless or without cover on the ground of their former homes.

Property damage in the stricken district was enormous, estimates being as high as \$5,000,000. Hundreds of miners and members of their families are homeless, huddling on the mountain slopes.

Floods started by cloudbursts at the head of Paint creek, Cabin creek and Coal river affecting a zone of 30 miles radius from Montgomery.

All creek branch lines of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad were damaged so badly that traffic was impossible. The main line bridge at Mount Carbon, four miles east of Montgomery, was destroyed when ten houses struck it.

Torrents poured down the narrow mountain gorges, flooding tracks in the Cane Fork yards to a depth of five feet. Houses, farm products and equipment were stripped from the territory.

WILL PUBLISH GERMANY NOTE ON LUSITANIA

Washington, Aug. 10.—Announcement that the last German note on the Lusitania, submitted to the state department nearly six months ago, is to be published, is the direct answer to those who feared a return to power of the von Tirpitz element in Germany, with a consequent renewal of ruthless submarine warfare, officials asserted today. The publication is to be made with Germany's consent.

The note declaring the killing of Americans on the Lusitania was unintentional and expressing profound regret for loss of American life, is declared to be a complete guarantee in the name of the German people against any such submarine campaign as that which precipitated the recent German-American crisis. It declares a campaign of reprisal against other than enemy subjects to be a "mistake," and is said to agree entirely with this country's view, that non-combatants and particularly neutrals, must not suffer.

Acceptance of the principles in the note is declared by its proposed publication. It is expected to clear up any fear that the U boat warfare of a year ago will be reopened—containing, it is said, tacit admission that the campaign was a mistake.

UNION IRON WORKS TO BUILD STEAMERS

San Francisco, Aug. 10.—Two 10,000-ton steel steamers will be built on its own account by the Union Iron works, as a speculative investment, it was announced today. When completed, they will be offered to any prospective purchaser for about \$1,750,000 each.

This announcement following the granting of a 25-year lease to the company on water front land in Alameda is regarded as significant. When the Union Iron works' Alameda plant is completed, it will include ways on which six steamers can be built simultaneously and will make the company's plant on the east side of the bay larger than that on this side.

It is reported that today's announcement means that the Schwab interests, controlling the Union Iron works, propose to build a big fleet of steamers on its own account.

AUSTRALIAN TROOPS ARE MAKING PROGRESS

London, Aug. 10.—Further progress northwest of Pozieres, where the Australians yesterday penetrated German trenches on a 600 yard front, was reported by General Haig this afternoon. The Australians have gained all local objectives, which are rapidly being consolidated.

The fight was quiet, except for the bombardment of British positions southeast of the Trones wood by German artillery, Haig reported.

PRISONERS OF WAR TO BE EXCHANGED

London, Aug. 10.—England has reached an agreement with Germany for the exchange of all prisoners over 45 years of age, regardless of numbers, Lord Robert Cecil announced in the house of commons this afternoon. Arrangements are being sought for an exchange of equal numbers of prisoners of military age, he stated.

A Copenhagen despatch to the United Press three weeks ago reported that such an exchange had been effected.

PLEA FOR THE FARMER BY HUGHES

Republican Nominee for the Presidency Declares for Protection for Tiller of Soil as for Factory Men

Grand Forks, N. D., Aug. 10.—Speaking to his first farmer audience as a presidential candidate, Charles E. Hughes today urged unity of thought in Americanism and reasonable preparedness with governmental efficiency.

"I believe in protection for farmers just as I believe in protection for men in factories," he declared. "America will not hold her own by declamations, by high sounding phrases, she will retain her place because she has the sense of facts to force politics to reduce unnecessary talk, the burden of words to a minimum, to obtain that which is essential to her security and progress. I stand for the unflinching protection of American rights. I do not believe we can hold up our heads in self respect if our words are not meant to be followed by deeds. I believe that is the great source of difficulty. Weakness breeds insult and insult breeds war."

Hughes declared he stood for "an impartial business-like administration."

"It was a source of great satisfaction," he said, "to be able to respond to this call, a call which I did not expect—free and clean from all incumbrance."

Hughes urged a governmental budget system of making appropriations in the interest of efficiency.

"If you give me the opportunity," he said, "I shall devote myself to that ideal of governmental efficiency."

Mrs. Hughes sat with her husband on the platform of the Auditorium, carrying a big bunch of roses. Lynn J. Frazier, non-partisan gubernatorial nominee, introduced Hughes.

ITALIAN FORCES ARE CONTINUING PURSUIT OF FLEEING AUSTRIANS

Rome, Aug. 10.—The Austrian aviation station of Alsavizza, six miles east of Goritz, has been captured by Italian troops, who are continuing pursuit of the Austrian force that retreated from Goritz, according to reports received here today.

Cavalry detachments and Bersaglieri cyclist detachments entered Alsavizza after putting to flight the Austrian rear guard which attempted to make a stand in the eastern suburbs of Goritz. In this section a body of Austrian troops is reported to have been cut off from the main force.

Pursuit of the Austrian army has been hampered by the necessity of repairing damaged bridges, destroyed by the enemy before the retreat from Goritz. Infantry detachments, however, are in close touch with the Austrian right wing, attempting to cut off and surround bodies of Austrian troops moving southward toward the Carso plateau.

Large numbers of heavy guns, some of which the enemy had made ineffectual attempts to destroy, fell into the hands of General Cadorna's forces at Goritz. King Victor Emmanuel is understood to have been at the Isonzo front when Goritz fell, though he has not yet entered the Austrian stronghold.

A total of 21,750 prisoners have been taken on the Goritz front, ac-

DRIVE OF THE ALLIES BEING CONTINUED

Germans and Austrians Are Forced to Retreat Before the Great Triple Offensive on European Battlefields

London, Aug. 10.—New and striking successes for the allies in their great triple offensive were reported in official despatches from the war offices this afternoon. On every front the allied capitals announced gains in the last 24 hours.

Pushing rapidly eastward on the Isonzo front, the Italians have occupied the Austrian position of Boschini and have captured more ground from the retreating garrison of Goritz.

The Austrian aviation station of Alsavizza, six miles north of Goritz, is unofficially reported to be in Italian hands.

Russian troops have captured the railway station of Chryplin, only three miles east of the important city of Stanislaw and the right bank of the Bistritza river.

London, Aug. 10.—Russian troops under General Letchitsky were approaching the Bistritza river, only three miles east of the eastern Galician city of Stanislaw, yesterday morning, according to despatches from Petrograd today.

The Austro-Germans were expected to make a final stand on the west bank of the Bistritza. If they are driven from these positions by the advancing Slavs, the fall of Stanislaw and an Austro-German retirement northward to the Dniester is considered certain. It is barely possible that Stanislaw already has been captured by the troops of the czar, officials believe.

If Stanislaw does fall to the Russians, the retreating right wing of General von Bothmer's army is expected to be cut off.

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MANY INJURED IN EXPLOSION ON STREET CAR

Chicago, Aug. 10.—A score of people were injured here early today, four of them probably fatally, when a double explosion, caused by a short circuit, wrecked a Halstead street car. Windows were smashed wire guards on windows bent and the wood work set afire. Forty passengers making a mad dash for the exits, jammed in the doorways and many were hurt. Several leaped through the windows.

Motorman Arthur J. Hayden, caught in the rush to the platform, had a fight to use his controller and put on the air brakes. He managed to set them as the crowd swept him from the car.

Sparks from the second explosion set the car afire and the blaze spread rapidly. A call for help brought fire apparatus. Firemen and policemen joined in getting the injured from the blazing car.

"Let the car burn; take care of the injured," the firemen were ordered, and the fire was allowed to blaze for 20 minutes before it was extinguished.

A dozen of persons whose injuries were not considered serious, were given first-aid treatment and sent home. If it had not been for the panic, traction officials said, no one would have been hurt.

SUFFRAGETTES ARE STRONG FOR HUGHES

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 10.—Sentiment was strongly in favor of endorsing Charles E. Hughes, and adopting a ringing declaration against President Wilson, as the delegates from the 12 suffrage states gathered here today for the National Woman's party conference.

The republican candidate's personal pledge for a federal suffrage amendment was contrasted by the conference leaders with President Wilson's opposition to national action.

The policy of the woman's party will be fixed at an executive session tomorrow, at which a \$500,000 campaign will be launched to elect friends of the suffrage cause.

With soap box orators wherever they can gather a crowd, the women are proving more of an attraction here than the Pike's Peak motorcycle races. The Antlers hotel, their headquarters, is decked with suffrage flags. Suffrage literature is presented to every one. A party of the leaders motored up Pike's Peak to plant their symbol, a purple, gold and white flag.

CHASE OF YEAR ENDS IN CAPTURE

San Francisco, Aug. 10.—According to stories coming to police headquarters from all parts of the coast today, the career of Albert Hadley, arrested last night in Petersburg, Ill., would furnish an unending store of plots for writers of nifty detective stories. He was arrested after a chase of over a year and is said to have cashed a worthless \$500 draft just before arrest.

Hadley is much wanted. The United States army wants him on a charge of deserting and taking an army checkbook. The police of many coast cities want him on charges of passing worthless army checks. He is also wanted on a charge of deserting his bride, an 18-year old Hoquiam, Wash., girl, here, and the Southern Pacific alleges that at Fresno the railroad settled with him for an accident that it later developed did not happen.

Hadley's operations are alleged to have aggregated about \$10,000.

TRAIN MEN STANDING FIRM

Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation is Putting Forth All Efforts to Avert Great Railway Strike.

New York, Aug. 10.—"We are standing firmly," was the word brought from the conference of the federal board of mediation on behalf of 400,000 trainmen of the country, by A. B. Garretson, head of the conductors' brotherhood today.

Following sessions during which the government mediators met first with the representatives of railway managers and then with the brotherhood heads, it was made clear that the trainmen have not given an inch in their demands for an eight hour basic day. Garretson declared they would continue to stand their ground throughout the conference. It was evident that armed as the representatives of the trainmen are to call a strike they have no intention of yielding to suggestions of arbitration. Garretson declared they would insist upon the granting of their demands in full.

The federal mediators met first with representatives of the employers for a brief session today and then with the brotherhood leaders. Judge Chambers said the board expected to hold another meeting with the railway managers this afternoon after which they would confer with the representatives of the employees again. All meetings were executive and no statement was made at their conclusion. Judge Chambers said he had not communicated with President Wilson as to the situation.

Members of the federal board of mediation went into session with the railroad managers this afternoon for the second time. It is probable that at the conclusion of this afternoon's session arrangements will be made to hold a second conference with the employees tomorrow.

When asked how much time would be required to reach some settlement, Judge Chambers of the federal board, said that neither he nor any one else knew.

"We are working as rapidly as possible and hope for an early settlement, but we can't prophesy anything," he said.

After the session with the train men, the board went into secret session with the railroad managers, presumably to submit to them the propositions of the four brotherhoods.

JOHN BULL MUST HURRY WITH REPLY

Washington, Aug. 10.—The state department has asked England to expedite her reply to the American protest against English interference with mail, it was officially announced here this afternoon.

AUSTRIAN ARMY LOSES BOSCHINI

Rome, Aug. 10.—The strong Austrian positions at Boschini, south of Goritz, has been occupied by Italian forces, it was officially announced this afternoon.

An official statement from the war office announced this afternoon that Italian cavalry and cyclists have made further progress east of Goritz and that Italian troops continue crossing to the east bank of the Isonzo over the rehabilitated bridge.